

Watershed Protection Grant



Auburn Middle School
2000 recipient

What?

\$1000 support for a Service Learning project



involving your local watershed

Why?



Problems due to access point at the Basin of Lake Auburn



Student ownership & planning

“Our goal is to improve the boat launch so there isn’t continual erosion, to make it a place for people to use without polluting it...

...and we care about our drinking water.”



Technical assistance from the DEP





Propose the road design

Sketch the buffer layout



Share their project with peers in the classroom...



...and at a Service Learning Fair



Wallingford Equipment donates time and equipment

Remove rocks &
create barrier



Install
geotextiles



Regrade road
and install a
waterbar



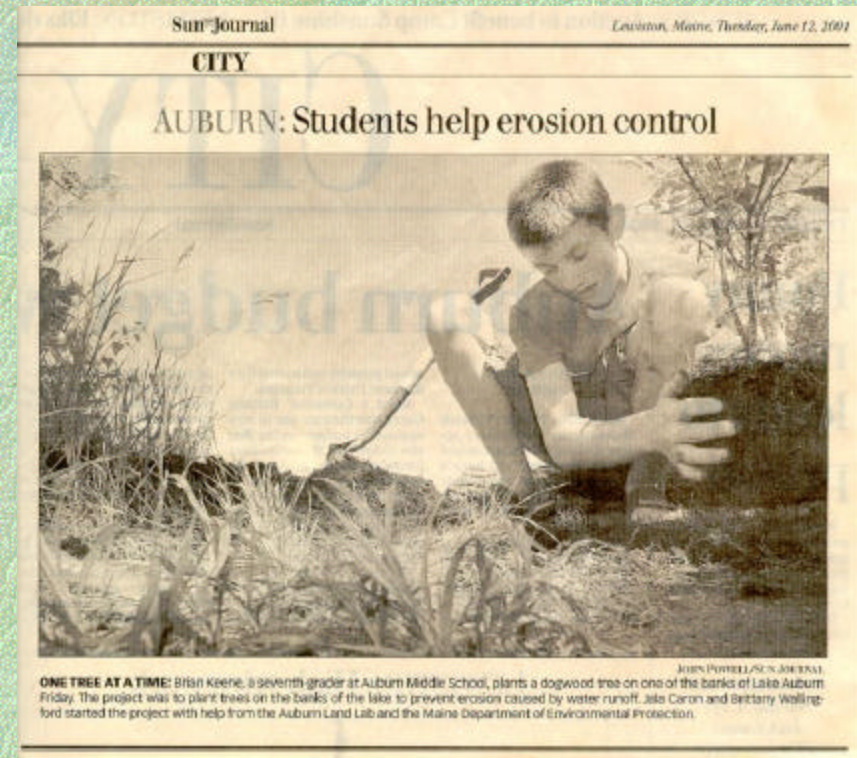
Map the plant locations



Volunteers...start your planting!



Media coverage from Kennebec Journal



Landowner watches with an approving eye



Be sure to thank volunteers!



Before/After



Four months later...



...a job well done, but
not over!

Project Requirements

☞ Action Project

- Restore or protect local watershed

☞ Public Education

- Share knowledge gained through the project

☞ Funding

- State and matching gifts

Public Education

- ☛ Poster display
- ☛ Watershed model
- ☛ Information kiosk
- ☛ Newspaper Coverage



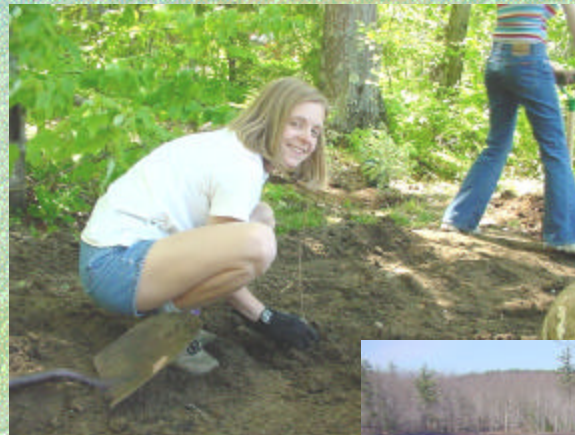
Additional Funding



- ☛ Kellogg mini-grant for poster display
- ☛ Bottle drive for volunteer refreshments
- ☛ Donation of plants from Auburn Land Lab, Gammon Landscape & Nursery
- ☛ Time/labor donated by Wallingford Equipment

Support from DEP

- ☛ Curriculum materials
- ☛ Classroom visits
- ☛ Technical assistance
- ☛ Connections to community partners
- ☛ Extra set of hands!



Community Partners



- ☘ Auburn Water District
- ☘ Auburn Land Lab
- ☘ Gammon Landscape & Nursery
- ☘ Wallingford Equipment
- ☘ Mary McAllister

